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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 1765

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NEPALESE CONTINGENT TO UNIFIL

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1. WE NOTE FROM PARA 4 REFTTEL THAT IT IS USG UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL FLIGHTS ARRIVING AND DEPARTING FROM CDPAL MUST TOUCH DOWN IN NEW DELHI AND THAT FLIGHTS FROM NEPAL CANNOT OVERFLY INDIA AND PAKISTAN AT NIGHT.

2. FOR NEW DELHI: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS HAS BEEN AN INDIAN REQUIREMENT IN THE PAST, BUT GIVEN NEW ATTITUDES OF JANATA GOVERNMENT AND IMPROVED INDO-NEPALESE RELATIONS, WE WONDER WHETHER GOI COULD BE PERSUADED TO LIFT THIS RESTRICTION FOR THIS PARTICULAR OPERATION AND IN SUPPORT OF UN PEACE KEEPING EFFORT.

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3. FURTHER, IF INDIANS STILL INSIST THAT AIRCRAFT TOUCH DOWN AT INDIAN AIRFIELDS, IS NEW DELHI ONLY AUTHORIZED PLACE, OR IF AIRCRAFT ARE COMING FROM EAST COULD CALCUTTA DO?

4. FYI: WE RECOGNIZE THERE MAY BE INSTANCES WHEN OUR AIRCRAFT WILL WANT TO LAND IN DELHI FOR REFUELING PURPOSES

BUT THIS IS ANOTHER MATTER.

5. FOR ISLAMABAD: ARE FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN PARA 4
REFTEL STILL IN FORCE IN PAKISTAN? IF SO, THIS WILL
CONSIDERABLY REDUCE OVERFLIGHT WINDOW ACROSS PAKISTAN.
IS IT WORTH TRYING TO GET GOP TO WAIVE THESE RESTRICTIONS
FOR THIS OPERATION TO EXPEDITE MATTERS?
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